

Gulf Coast Economic Region Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Data 1990 to 2020

Note: A change in the way labor force statistics are calculated for sub-state areas makes data prior to 2010 not comparable with later data.

2020

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,744	34,661	35,143	33,967	35,362								
Employment	32,851	32,148	32,696	28,628	30,727								
Unemployment	2,893	2,513	2,447	5,339	4,635								
Unemployment Rate	8.1%	7.3%	7.0%	15.7%	13.1%								

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,996	35,351	35,626	35,323	37,220	39,019	40,756	40,306	37,478	36,037	35,368	35,176	36,888
Employment	31,906	32,448	32,878	32,862	34,935	36,708	38,678	38,326	35,390	33,720	32,782	32,365	34,417
Unemployment	3,090	2,903	2,748	2,461	2,285	2,311	2,078	1,980	2,088	2,317	2,586	2,811	2,471
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	8.2%	7.7%	7.0%	6.1%	5.9%	5.1%	4.9%	5.6%	6.4%	7.3%	8.0%	6.7%

2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,582	35,884	36,131	35,955	37,795	39,854	41,291	40,537	37,534	36,328	35,620	35,073	37,299
Employment	32,218	32,628	33,023	33,131	35,199	37,282	38,949	38,376	35,284	33,925	32,957	32,293	34,606
Unemployment	3,364	3,256	3,108	2,824	2,596	2,572	2,342	2,161	2,250	2,403	2,663	2,780	2,693
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	9.1%	8.6%	7.9%	6.9%	6.5%	5.7%	5.3%	6.0%	6.6%	7.5%	7.9%	7.2%

2017

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,025	36,661	36,808	36,883	38,245	40,532	41,137	40,864	38,476	37,138	36,137	35,858	37,897
Employment	32,679	33,217	33,528	33,864	35,476	37,755	38,582	38,488	36,011	34,476	33,260	32,809	35,012
Unemployment	3,346	3,444	3,280	3,019	2,769	2,777	2,555	2,376	2,465	2,662	2,877	3,049	2,885
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.4%	8.9%	8.2%	7.2%	6.9%	6.2%	5.8%	6.4%	7.2%	8.0%	8.5%	7.6%

2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,497	37,095	37,177	37,582	39,042	40,685	41,661	40,636	38,625	37,478	37,051	36,553	38,340
Employment	33,115	33,550	33,726	34,385	36,035	37,718	38,962	38,022	35,921	34,632	34,017	33,376	35,288
Unemployment	3,382	3,545	3,451	3,197	3,007	2,967	2,699	2,614	2,704	2,846	3,034	3,177	3,052
Unemployment Rate	9.3%	9.6%	9.3%	8.5%	7.7%	7.3%	6.5%	6.4%	7.0%	7.6%	8.2%	8.7%	8.0%

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	37,996	37,990	37,890	37,891	39,098	41,362	42,547	42,083	39,968	38,469	37,259	37,052	39,134
Employment	34,670	34,581	34,581	34,957	36,309	38,541	40,022	39,719	37,474	35,712	34,305	33,904	36,231
Unemployment	3,326	3,409	3,309	2,934	2,789	2,821	2,525	2,364	2,494	2,757	2,954	3,148	2,903
Unemployment Rate	8.8%	9.0%	8.7%	7.7%	7.1%	6.8%	5.9%	5.6%	6.2%	7.2%	7.9%	8.5%	7.4%

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	37,582	37,638	37,903	38,303	40,048	42,239	43,265	42,582	40,137	38,394	37,710	37,225	39,419
Employment	34,014	34,037	34,440	35,084	37,131	39,226	40,503	40,007	37,476	35,684	34,762	34,185	36,380
Unemployment	3,568	3,601	3,463	3,219	2,917	3,013	2,762	2,575	2,661	2,710	2,948	3,040	3,039
Unemployment Rate	9.5%	9.6%	9.1%	8.4%	7.3%	7.1%	6.4%	6.0%	6.6%	7.1%	7.8%	8.2%	7.7%

2013

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	37,408	37,629	37,813	38,214	39,931	42,495	42,937	42,414	40,194	38,305	37,726	37,237	39,359
Employment	33,706	33,987	34,353	35,027	36,908	39,399	40,192	39,863	37,485	35,348	34,501	33,862	36,219
Unemployment	3,702	3,642	3,460	3,187	3,023	3,096	2,745	2,551	2,709	2,957	3,225	3,375	3,140
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	9.7%	9.2%	8.3%	7.6%	7.3%	6.4%	6.0%	6.7%	7.7%	8.5%	9.1%	8.0%

2012

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	37,452	37,373	37,411	37,811	39,325	41,932	42,528	41,809	39,688	37,911	37,350	37,143	38,978
Employment	33,536	33,470	33,723	34,443	36,153	38,680	39,627	39,096	36,857	34,918	34,101	33,673	35,690
Unemployment	3,916	3,903	3,688	3,368	3,172	3,252	2,901	2,713	2,831	2,993	3,249	3,470	3,288
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	10.4%	9.9%	8.9%	8.1%	7.8%	6.8%	6.5%	7.1%	7.9%	8.7%	9.3%	8.4%

2011

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	37,119	37,427	37,615	37,576	38,954	41,342	42,918	42,633	39,842	37,833	37,530	37,126	38,994
Employment	32,948	33,157	33,581	33,869	35,556	37,866	39,780	39,675	36,838	34,637	33,850	33,097	35,405
Unemployment	4,171	4,270	4,034	3,707	3,398	3,476	3,138	2,958	3,004	3,196	3,680	4,029	3,589
Unemployment Rate	11.2%	11.4%	10.7%	9.9%	8.7%	8.4%	7.3%	6.9%	7.5%	8.4%	9.8%	10.9%	9.2%

2010

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,729	36,880	37,115	37,454	38,772	40,599	41,171	40,710	39,320	37,403	37,159	36,858	38,346
Employment	32,558	32,549	32,985	33,674	35,360	37,176	38,039	37,754	36,250	34,059	33,425	32,849	34,722
Unemployment	4,171	4,331	4,130	3,780	3,412	3,423	3,132	2,956	3,070	3,344	3,734	4,009	3,624
Unemployment Rate	11.4%	11.7%	11.1%	10.1%	8.8%	8.4%	7.6%	7.3%	7.8%	8.9%	10.0%	10.9%	9.5%

2009

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	36,562	36,669	36,979	37,786	39,814	42,162	42,908	42,325	39,905	37,528	37,163	36,421	38,852
Employment	32,890	32,785	33,178	34,160	36,382	38,641	39,758	39,278	36,780	33,995	33,181	32,397	35,285
Unemployment	3,672	3,884	3,801	3,626	3,432	3,521	3,150	3,047	3,125	3,533	3,982	4,024	3,567
Unemployment Rate	10.0%	10.6%	10.3%	9.6%	8.6%	8.4%	7.3%	7.2%	7.8%	9.4%	10.7%	11.0%	9.2%

2008

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,544	35,923	36,150	36,618	38,839	41,182	42,049	41,837	38,752	36,590	36,361	36,020	37,988
Employment	32,047	32,322	32,740	33,509	35,799	38,166	39,514	39,454	36,230	33,793	33,229	32,628	34,953
Unemployment	3,497	3,601	3,410	3,109	3,040	3,016	2,535	2,383	2,522	2,797	3,132	3,392	3,035
Unemployment Rate	9.8%	10.0%	9.4%	8.5%	7.8%	7.3%	6.0%	5.7%	6.5%	7.6%	8.6%	9.4%	8.0%

2007

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,238	35,476	35,548	35,846	37,664	40,226	40,436	40,130	37,809	35,812	35,455	35,080	37,060
Employment	31,732	31,980	32,219	32,849	34,962	37,493	38,022	37,949	35,470	33,259	32,575	31,991	34,208
Unemployment	3,506	3,496	3,329	2,997	2,702	2,733	2,414	2,181	2,339	2,553	2,880	3,089	2,852
Unemployment Rate	9.9%	9.9%	9.4%	8.4%	7.2%	6.8%	6.0%	5.4%	6.2%	7.1%	8.1%	8.8%	7.7%

2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,066	35,329	35,377	35,513	37,095	40,001	40,393	39,963	37,509	35,443	35,093	34,807	36,800
Employment	31,324	31,567	31,962	32,422	34,187	37,034	37,993	37,713	35,137	32,779	32,040	31,550	33,810
Unemployment	3,742	3,762	3,415	3,091	2,908	2,967	2,400	2,250	2,372	2,664	3,053	3,257	2,990
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	10.6%	9.7%	8.7%	7.8%	7.4%	5.9%	5.6%	6.3%	7.5%	8.7%	9.4%	8.1%

2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,178	35,324	35,566	35,440	37,042	39,563	40,505	39,593	36,910	35,345	34,940	34,272	36,641
Employment	31,366	31,398	31,926	32,233	33,968	36,491	37,902	37,135	34,263	32,261	31,475	30,671	33,425
Unemployment	3,812	3,926	3,640	3,207	3,074	3,072	2,603	2,458	2,647	3,084	3,465	3,601	3,216
Unemployment Rate	10.8%	11.1%	10.2%	9.0%	8.3%	7.8%	6.4%	6.2%	7.2%	8.7%	9.9%	10.5%	8.8%

2004

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,987	35,311	35,414	35,549	37,152	40,173	40,792	39,576	37,189	36,133	35,314	34,760	36,863
Employment	30,816	31,084	31,442	31,955	33,673	36,672	37,922	36,781	34,313	32,852	31,712	31,019	33,354
Unemployment	4,171	4,227	3,972	3,594	3,479	3,501	2,870	2,795	2,876	3,281	3,602	3,741	3,509
Unemployment Rate	11.9%	12.0%	11.2%	10.1%	9.4%	8.7%	7.0%	7.1%	7.7%	9.1%	10.2%	10.8%	9.5%

2003

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	35,160	35,321	35,852	35,502	36,925	39,013	39,815	38,769	36,053	35,023	34,752	34,310	36,375
Employment	30,889	31,018	31,649	31,768	33,304	35,456	36,714	35,830	33,011	31,567	30,774	30,191	32,682
Unemployment	4,271	4,303	4,203	3,734	3,621	3,557	3,101	2,939	3,042	3,456	3,978	4,119	3,693
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	12.2%	11.7%	10.5%	9.8%	9.1%	7.8%	7.6%	8.4%	9.9%	11.4%	12.0%	10.2%

2002

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	34,299	34,624	34,772	35,375	36,582	38,342	40,160	39,176	36,682	35,464	35,068	34,827	36,280
Employment	30,452	30,807	31,082	31,897	33,360	34,716	37,219	36,273	33,559	32,090	31,409	30,825	32,807
Unemployment	3,847	3,817	3,690	3,478	3,222	3,626	2,941	2,903	3,123	3,374	3,659	4,002	3,473
Unemployment Rate	11.2%	11.0%	10.6%	9.8%	8.8%	9.5%	7.3%	7.4%	8.5%	9.5%	10.4%	11.5%	9.6%

2001

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	33,941	34,265	34,195	34,284	36,090	38,419	40,456	38,989	36,480	34,727	34,479	34,066	35,866
Employment	30,367	30,756	30,921	31,168	33,010	35,487	38,058	36,658	33,999	31,971	31,052	30,462	32,826
Unemployment	3,574	3,509	3,274	3,116	3,080	2,932	2,398	2,331	2,481	2,756	3,427	3,604	3,040
Unemployment Rate	10.5%	10.2%	9.6%	9.1%	8.5%	7.6%	5.9%	6.0%	6.8%	7.9%	9.9%	10.6%	8.5%

2000

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	33,893	34,627	34,418	34,669	36,338	39,554	40,169	39,692	37,742	35,698	34,974	34,602	36,366
Employment	30,259	31,124	31,134	31,620	33,480	36,693	37,924	37,592	34,949	32,925	31,698	31,235	33,387
Unemployment	3,634	3,503	3,284	3,049	2,858	2,861	2,245	2,100	2,793	2,773	3,276	3,367	2,979
Unemployment Rate	10.7%	10.1%	9.5%	8.8%	7.9%	7.2%	5.6%	5.3%	7.4%	7.8%	9.4%	9.7%	8.2%

1999

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,861	32,495	32,684	33,119	34,573	36,273	37,567	36,493	34,643	33,053	32,391	31,491	33,888
Employment	27,986	28,338	28,885	29,573	30,877	33,112	34,856	34,003	31,921	30,011	28,570	27,721	30,488
Unemployment	3,875	4,157	3,799	3,546	3,696	3,161	2,711	2,490	2,722	3,042	3,821	3,770	3,400
Unemployment Rate	12.2%	12.8%	11.6%	10.7%	10.7%	8.7%	7.2%	6.8%	7.9%	9.2%	11.8%	12.0%	10.0%

1998

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	32,538	32,618	32,390	32,332	34,203	36,468	37,338	36,592	34,586	32,496	31,867	31,532	33,747
Employment	28,378	28,650	28,678	28,992	30,737	33,293	34,834	34,174	31,989	29,466	28,209	27,751	30,430
Unemployment	4,160	3,968	3,712	3,340	3,466	3,175	2,504	2,418	2,597	3,030	3,658	3,781	3,317
Unemployment Rate	12.8%	12.2%	11.5%	10.3%	10.1%	8.7%	6.7%	6.6%	7.5%	9.3%	11.5%	12.0%	9.8%

1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	32,881	33,661	33,334	34,234	35,044	37,829	39,757	38,283	35,238	33,000	32,187	31,834	34,774
Employment	27,714	28,830	28,946	29,858	30,955	34,063	36,653	35,390	32,278	29,607	28,376	27,633	30,859
Unemployment	5,167	4,831	4,388	4,376	4,089	3,766	3,104	2,893	2,960	3,393	3,811	4,201	3,915
Unemployment Rate	15.7%	14.4%	13.2%	12.8%	11.7%	10.0%	7.8%	7.6%	8.4%	10.3%	11.8%	13.2%	11.3%

1996

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	32,461	33,415	33,713	33,683	35,645	38,095	39,540	39,151	35,890	33,493	32,753	32,261	35,009
Employment	27,601	28,581	29,281	29,296	31,375	33,517	36,198	35,623	32,388	29,467	28,221	27,202	30,730
Unemployment	4,860	4,834	4,432	4,387	4,270	4,578	3,342	3,528	3,502	4,026	4,532	5,059	4,279
Unemployment Rate	15.0%	14.5%	13.1%	13.0%	12.0%	12.0%	8.5%	9.0%	9.8%	12.0%	13.8%	15.7%	12.2%

1995

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	32,314	33,154	33,095	32,954	34,542	37,040	38,690	37,559	35,586	33,764	33,019	32,317	34,504
Employment	27,848	28,772	29,067	29,032	30,714	33,177	35,660	34,740	31,777	30,258	28,490	27,390	30,578
Unemployment	4,466	4,382	4,028	3,922	3,828	3,863	3,030	2,819	3,809	3,506	4,529	4,927	3,926
Unemployment Rate	13.8%	13.2%	12.2%	11.9%	11.1%	10.4%	7.8%	7.5%	10.7%	10.4%	13.7%	15.2%	11.4%

1994

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	31,223	33,025	33,328	32,836	34,539	37,081	38,689	37,225	34,235	32,874	32,904	31,663	34,135
Employment	26,430	28,524	29,019	28,419	29,790	33,291	35,483	34,290	31,026	29,493	28,367	27,107	30,103
Unemployment	4,793	4,501	4,309	4,417	4,749	3,790	3,206	2,935	3,209	3,381	4,537	4,556	4,032
Unemployment Rate	15.4%	13.6%	12.9%	13.5%	13.7%	10.2%	8.3%	7.9%	9.4%	10.3%	13.8%	14.4%	11.8%

1993

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
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Labor Force	29,373	30,193	30,976	31,716	33,266	36,214	38,240	36,623	33,800	32,452	31,649	31,197	32,975
Employment	24,439	25,654	26,728	27,483	28,919	32,696	35,450	34,058	30,277	29,189	27,698	27,070	29,138
Unemployment	4,934	4,539	4,248	4,233	4,347	3,518	2,790	2,565	3,523	3,263	3,951	4,127	3,837
Unemployment Rate	16.8%	15.0%	13.7%	13.3%	13.1%	9.7%	7.3%	7.0%	10.4%	10.1%	12.5%	13.2%	11.6%

1992

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	29,755	30,142	30,242	31,114	32,618	35,085	36,046	34,462	32,973	31,869	31,169	30,690	32,181
Employment	24,311	25,057	25,608	26,573	28,132	31,118	32,720	31,230	29,624	28,073	26,549	26,237	27,937
Unemployment	5,444	5,085	4,634	4,541	4,486	3,967	3,326	3,232	3,349	3,796	4,620	4,453	4,244
Unemployment Rate	18.3%	16.9%	15.3%	14.6%	13.8%	11.3%	9.2%	9.4%	10.2%	11.9%	14.8%	14.5%	13.2%

1991

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	29,212	29,659	29,867	30,932	32,286	33,863	35,862	34,359	32,014	30,366	30,101	29,529	31,503
Employment	25,530	25,840	26,154	27,467	28,687	30,307	33,103	31,704	28,914	26,485	25,448	24,813	27,870
Unemployment	3,682	3,819	3,713	3,465	3,599	3,556	2,759	2,655	3,100	3,881	4,653	4,716	3,633
Unemployment Rate	12.6%	12.9%	12.4%	11.2%	11.1%	10.5%	7.7%	7.7%	9.7%	12.8%	15.5%	16.0%	11.5%

1990

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Labor Force	27,238	28,296	28,535	29,662	31,092	32,998	34,700	33,677	29,816	29,300	28,937	28,959	30,269
Employment	23,631	24,354	24,815	26,210	27,894	29,905	32,217	31,226	27,210	26,449	25,702	25,512	27,095
Unemployment	3,607	3,942	3,720	3,452	3,198	3,093	2,483	2,451	2,606	2,851	3,235	3,447	3,174
Unemployment Rate	13.2%	13.9%	13.0%	11.6%	10.3%	9.4%	7.2%	7.3%	8.7%	9.7%	11.2%	11.9%	10.5%

A change in the way the labor force statistics are calculated for boroughs and census areas makes data prior to 2000 not comparable with data from 2000 forward.

Definitions:

- **Labor Force:** Includes all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population classified as either employed or unemployed. (See the definitions below).
- **Employment:** These are all persons who, during the reference week (the week including the 12th day of the month), (a) did any work as paid employees, worked in their own business or profession or on their own farm, or worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of their family, or (b) were not working but who had jobs from which they were temporarily absent because of vacation, illness, bad weather, childcare problems, maternity or paternity leave, labor-management dispute job training, or other family or personal reasons, whether or not they were paid for the time off or were seeking other jobs. Each employed person is counted only once, even if he or she holds more than one job.
- **Unemployment:** Includes all persons who had no employment during the reference week, were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had made specific efforts to find employment some time during the 4 week-period ending with the reference week. Persons who were waiting to be recalled to a job from which they had been laid off need not have been looking for work to be classified as unemployed.
- **Unemployment Rate:** The ratio of unemployed to the civilian labor force expressed as a percent [i.e., 100 times (unemployed/labor force)].

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